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Chairman and Committee Members

The Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau and Glacier country Regional Tourism support House Bill 150.

Recreational Outfitters, Rafting Companies are a significant attraction to Montana and the high costs of insurance and the threat of frivolous lawsuits inhibit those outfitters and rafters that wish to provide activities that have an inherent risk.

They are not trying to eliminate responsibility for malicious or careless behavior; they simply do not want to be penalized for accidents that occur during activities that have an obvious risk.

There should be consideration for personal responsibility of guests where they decide to participate in these outdoor activities that provide the very adventure they are seeking.

Please give the Bill fair consideration to protect those that provide the very activities that make Montana a place for adventure and recreation.

Sincerely,

Jay Robson
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